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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE, AND LISTING OF ALL CLAIMS WITH PROPER IDENTIFIERS

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- 57. (New) An apparatus for producing gasified fluid comprising:
 - at least one carbonator vessel as a first gasifier for producing a mixture of gas and fluid;
 - an inline carbonator as a second gasifier arranged downstream of the first gasifier, wherein the inline carbonator is filled with a granulate providing an increased surface area such that the mixture of gas and fluid flowing from the first gasifier into the inline carbonator becomes intensified with gas that has been taken up in the inline carbonator so the gasified fluid is suitable for tapping a finely bubbled mixture with an increased number of bubbles, wherein pressure means are provided relative to the gas and the fluid in both the first and the second carbonator to maintain a mutual pressure of the gas and the

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fluid in each carbonator; wherein the second carbonator is provided with an output line and a tap.

- 58. (New) The apparatus of claim 66, wherein, the first gasifier is arranged as a carbonator vessel which is arranged within a circuit carbonator.
- (New) The apparatus of claim 66, wherein the carbonator vessel is arranged within a halch carbonator.
- 60. (New) The apparatus of claim 66, wherein the second gasifier is arranged outside housing, said housing constructed for accommodating the carbonator and a cooling system for the carbonator.
- 61. (New) The apparatus of claim 66, wherein a cooling system is provided between the carbonator vessel and the inline carbonator for flow-through of the pressurized mixture of fluid and gas.
- 62. (New) The apparatus of claim 66, wherein the inline carbonator is arranged in a circuit carbonator in a branch of the circuit line which is under pressure which is generated by a displacement pump and is increased over the remaining circuit line.
- 63. (New) The apparatus of claim 66, wherein the inline carbonator is a hollow body enclosing an interior space filled with granulate and with opposing ends, each sealed by a flange through which a bore extends in the direction towards the interior space, wherein each end of the hollow body is encompassed on a side facing away from he interior space by tubular slide-on surfaces, of which an inner slide-on surface facing the flange has a larger cross section that an outer slide-on surface facing away from the flange.